

Date of 3<sup>rd</sup> April -

I hope you + Mr Gray are both well, when you come to Europe again do come + stay either at our house

Addiscombe Farm,  
Expton.

6 April 1875

Dear Mr Asa Gray

I dare say the mournful news I am about to communicate may reach you thro: other sources before this letter I should have written sooner but did not know your address.

My much loved brother Daniel is no more, he died on the 24<sup>th</sup> ulto: at his house on Clapham Common after an illness of two weeks and a half.

Ever since the publication of his book The Pharmacographia which appeared last autumn

here or at Mortola for as long as you can it would be such a pleasure to us -- With kind regards yours ever truly  
Y. Huxley

Mr Asa Gray  
The Botanic Garden  
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his friends have thought  
him looking rather pulled  
down. He accompanied  
me to my house at mortola  
near Mentore at the end  
of November, but the journey  
was too hurried and the  
weather unfavorable, so  
he derived no benefit.

During January + February  
he maintained his usual activity  
studying + writing, constantly  
collecting information for a  
second edition of the Pharmacographia  
which he was much pleased  
to find was so appreciated  
in the United States, but  
the severity of the season  
+ the rigorous weather we  
had evidently affected him  
and in his letters to me he  
often complained of it. -

On the 6<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> he was  
seized with shivering + loss of  
appetite, then a most  
painful inflammation of the  
mouth ensued + feverishness

The medical men called  
it 'an obscure case' + it

Dr Peacock called it  
Enteritis with typhoid symptoms, complicated  
with jaundice.

was not until the 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup>  
they + we became seriously  
alarmed, tho his strength  
declined daily we hoped +  
believed he would get thro  
owing to his ability to take  
liquid nourishment regularly  
but on the 23<sup>rd</sup> the fever returned  
with increased force accompanied  
with jaundice + he rapidly sank  
and to our intense grief passed  
away about 20 hours after

By my brother's death my  
aged parents are deprived of a  
most devoted + affectionate son +  
science loses a most enthusiastic  
and hard working disciple. - I  
most bitterly deplore my brother  
who took the liveliest interest  
in all that concerned me + mine  
+ especially in my garden at  
Mortola which now loses half  
its attraction in my eyes.

There are very complimentary  
notices of my poor brother in  
'the pharmaceutical journal' 'Nature'  
'The Gardeners Chronicle' 'The  
'Atheneum' and 'The Academy'

The last article he wrote  
appears in the Academy under